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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-£99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

The enclosed references Japanese Patent Laid Open Nos. 01-156725 and 53-027483 were submitted with abstract translations on December 29, 1999. Full translation are being submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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